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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/823,370	Applicant(s) MCKINLEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Cheryl Lewis	Art Unit 2167	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As follows:

Claims 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims lack the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or a manufacture within the meaning of 35 USC 101. They are clearly not a series of steps or acts to be a process nor are they a combination of chemical compounds to be a composition of matter. As such, they fail to fall within a statutory category. They are, at best, functional descriptive material *per se*.

Descriptive material can be characterized as either "functional descriptive material" or "nonfunctional descriptive material." Both types of "descriptive material" are nonstatutory when claimed as descriptive material *per se*, 33 F.3d at 1360, 31 USPQ2d at 1759. When functional descriptive material is recorded on some computer-readable medium, it becomes structurally and functionally interrelated to the medium and will be statutory in most cases since use of technology permits the function of the descriptive material to be

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realized. Compare *In re Lowry*, 32 F.3d 1579, 1583-84, 32 USPQ2d 1031, 1035 (Fed. Cir. 1994)

Merely claiming nonfunctional descriptive material, i.e., abstract ideas, stored on a computer-readable medium, in a computer, or on an electromagnetic carrier signal, does not make it statutory. See *Diehr*, 450 U.S. at 185-86, 209 USPQ at 8 (noting that the claims for an algorithm in *Benson* were unpatentable as abstract ideas because “[t]he sole practical application of the algorithm was in connection with the programming of a general purpose computer.”).

Claims 17-23, these claims are further rejected under 101 because they recite a computer-readable medium. The medium as defined in the specification may suggest the computer-readable medium corresponds to any of the possible media including non tangible media such as transmission media including carrier waves or signals and for these reasons these claims do not have results which are useful and concrete. Thus, claims 17-23 are computer-readable medium claims that require a physical component. The examiner suggests the use of claim language “computer-readable storage device” in an effort to clarify that the claims comprise physical media.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Wilkinson et al. (Publication No. US 2005/0267738 A1 filed May 5, 2005, hereinafter Wilkinson).

6. Regarding Claims 1, 6, 7-9 12, 17, 22, and 26, Wilkinson teaches translation of electronically transmitted messages.

The method and associated system for translation of electronically transmitted messages as taught or suggested by Wilkinson includes:

initiating a translation request one client system the translation request including a source data to be translated from the first format into another translated format and configuration data defining each type of translation to be performed on the source data (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198); communicating the translation request to a server system (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198); processing the received translation request to a server system to determine the configuration data for each type of data translation to be performed on the source data in a first format (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198); providing a source data in a first format to a corresponding translation service on the server system corresponding to each determined type of data translation to be performed (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198); translating the data in the first format to corresponding translated format on the server system via a corresponding translation service (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198); and a return translation request to a

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client system, the return translation request including the data in each translated format (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198).

7. Regarding Claims 2, 10, 13, 26, and 29, Wilkinson teaches XML messages (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198).

8. Regarding Claims 3, 11, and 27, Wilkinson teaches an Application Integrator (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198).

9. Regarding Claims 4, 14, and 19, Wilkinson teaches translation type information (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198).

10. Regarding Claims 5, 15, and 20, Wilkinson teaches an event-based adapter (paragraphs 0097-0127, paragraphs 0188-0198).

11. Regarding Claims 16, 18, 21, 23, and 25, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1, 6, 7-9 12, 17, 22, and 26 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

NAME OF CONTACT

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

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Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner
September 29, 2006